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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I write to urge your support for AT&T's proposed acquisition of T-Mobile USA.

As a state legislator, I represent the communities of El Dorado, Towanda, Benton, Potwin and Whitewater in south central Kansas. I believe that this deal will be of major benefit to my constituents and to all Kansans, particularly those in rural and smaller communities like those I represent. Were AT&T to acquire T-Mobile, they will expand coverage of next generation wireless broadband technology, 4G LTE, to over 97% of America. Put another way, AT&T would use private investment to achieve the key public policy goal of bringing access to high speed broadband to nearly every person and business in our country.

I can't begin to tell you how transformative that would be for rural parts of Kansas. Rural communities are currently struggling with how to promote our existing industry while attracting new business investment. One of the hurdles we face is that urban areas have easy access to the type of high-speed broadband technology necessary to compete in today's economy. But this technology is not available on a widespread basis, and businesses in rural areas without access to high-speed broadband have to work that much harder to stay competitive.

You could help level the playing field for rural America by approving this merger. The expansion of high-speed mobile broadband would help our economy, and would improve our communities in other ways, such through opportunities in education and health care.

I hope you will bear in mind the benefits of this merger to small and rural communities like those I represent in south central Kansas when deciding to approve, and I hope you will make the right decision.

Sincerely

John Grange

Kansas State Representative (75th District)